

# Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority



*Providing access opportunities  
to the waterways of Virginia's  
Middle Peninsula*

# What is the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority?

General Assembly (2003) approves House Bill 619 creating the institutional framework for Middle Peninsula local governments to address public access on a regional basis

Single Purpose Entity: Only function is to provide focused attention to public access issues





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# Duties Of the Authority

1. Identify potential public access sites
2. Research and determine ownerships
3. Determine appropriate public use levels
4. Develop appropriate mechanism for transferring title
5. Develop appropriate acquisition and site management plans
6. Determine which holdings should be sold to advance the mission of the Authority
7. Other duties required to fulfill the mission





# Authority Directors

- **6 Local Government Administrators**
- **2 Elected Officials**



# **Boating Access**

## **Newpoint Lighthouse Repairs**





# Dragon Run Public Access Site

*"One of the Chesapeake Bay's Most  
Pristine Waterways"*

*Brought to you by the.*  
**MIDDLE PENINSULA CHESAPEAKE BAY  
PUBLIC ACCESS AUTHORITY**



**General Public Welcome**  
Dawn to Dusk

**Acquisition of this site was made  
possible by the following partners:**



**This acquisition was funded by the Virginia  
Coastal Program through a grant from NOAA  
under the Coastal Zone Management Act.**

















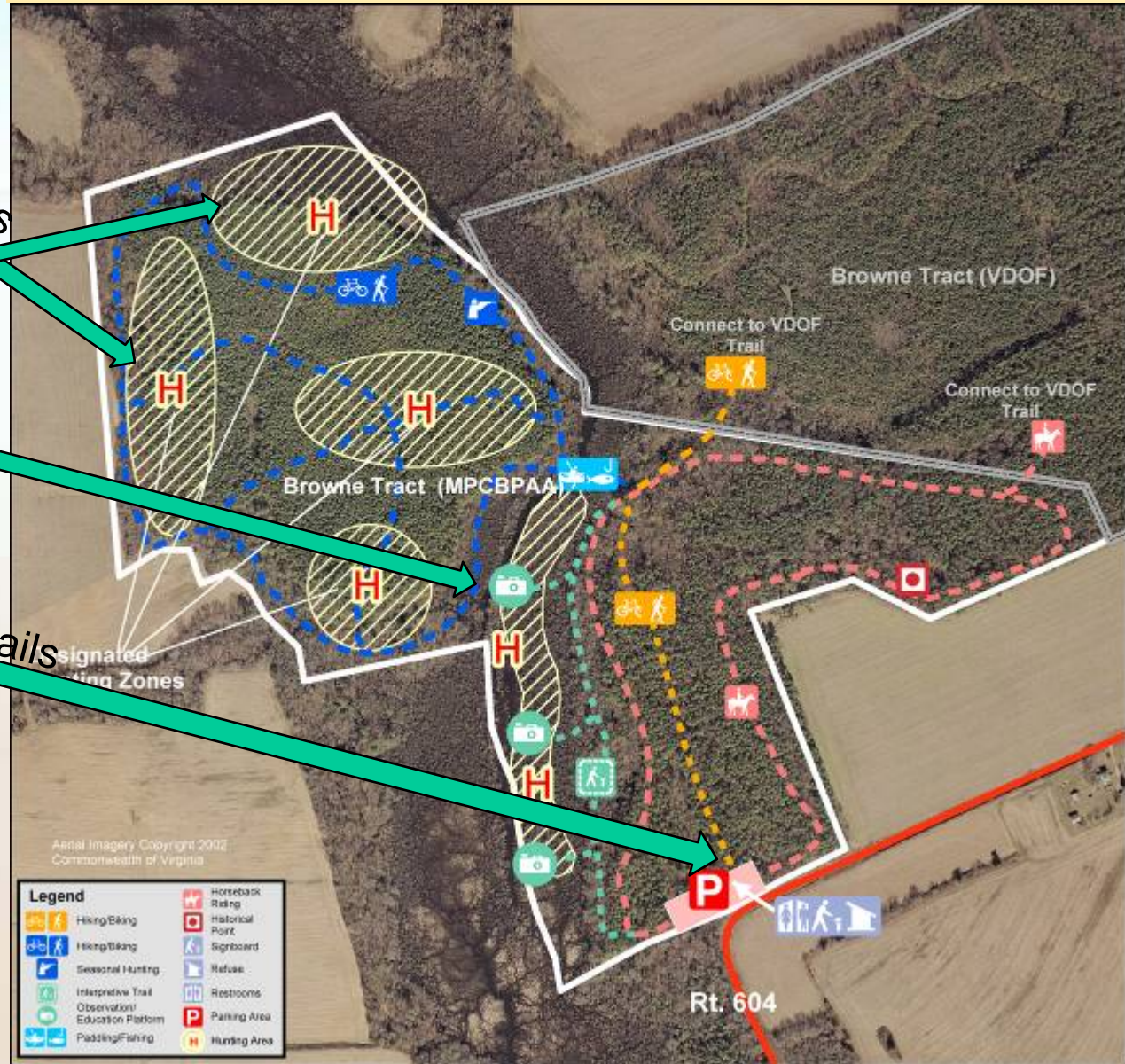


# Browne Tract Multi-Use Facility Site Plan

Public Hunting Areas

Nature Viewing Areas

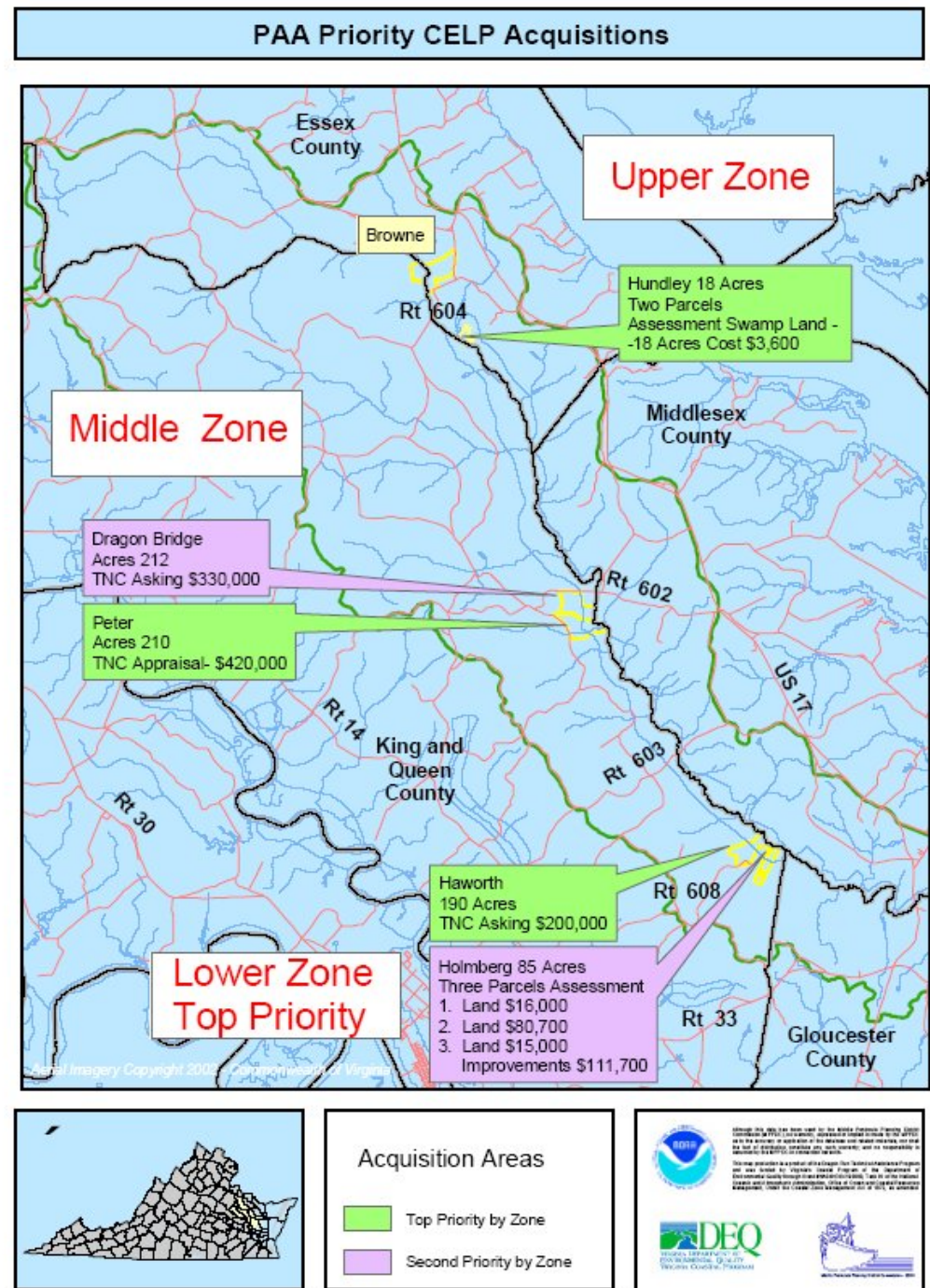
Walking and Riding Trails





# CELCP Acquisition

PAA is designated as the recipient of ~\$1,000,000 for land acquisition within the Dragon Run



Where does the road end?  
or  
Where does the road begin?  
and  
Who owns the road ending?





**Public Access Authority Project Revenues FY 2004—2007**

Project	Federal/State	Regional	Local	Private
Browne Tract	\$392,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Browne Mgmt. Plan	8,000	^569	0	0
BFI	0	0	0	37,500
Ches. Bay License*	500	0	0	0
CELCP*	989,477	0	0	**1,000,000
Shenk Acquisition	0	0	0	260,400
CZM Program Support	10,000	0	0	0
PAA Insurance	0	1,661	0	0
Road Ending Study	60,495	^122	0	0
Transportation Study	10,000	10,000	0	0
New Pt. Lighthouse	10,000	^223	0	0
Coastal Experience*	35,000	^77	0	0
MPDSB SAG	5,000	0	0	0
FY07 Gen. Assembly*	20,000	0	0	0
FY08 Gen. Assembly*	75,000	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,615,472</b>	<b>\$12,652</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$1,297,900</b>

\* committed funding

^ Overmatched project funds

\*\* TNC match for CELCP acquisitions

**TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED: \$2,926,024**

# Future Directions of the PAA

*"Inventing solution for local issues"*

## **Wetlands Mitigation Banking to address VMRC Requirement**

- Converting FEMA Buyout property to wetland banks and passive public access sites

## **Developing a Regional Strategic Plan for addressing public access and working waterfront issues**

- What's important to the citizens of the Middle Peninsula as it relates to coastal public, quasi public access, and private access and working waterfront issues and trends throughout the lower Chesapeake Bay region and tributaries







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